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Sir:

The present amendments and remarks are in response to the October 15, 2002 Office Action where the Examiner rejected all of the claims. An extension fee of \$55.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is filed herewith, seeking a one month extension of time. Before reconsideration of the present Application, please enter this Preliminary Amendment and consider the accompanying responsive remarks.

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